(b) whether it is also a fact that in view of this serious situation Indian Council for Agricultural Research had constituted a Dean Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. S.L. Mehta who has submitted his report; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof and the effective action proposed to be taken by Government to bring qualitative change in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Deans Committee was appointed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to give recommendations for keeping pace with scientific and technological developments in agricultural education. This is a national level exercise usually undertaken periodically. Last such revision was undertaken in 1995. For this purpose, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.L. Mehta was constituted in 2005. The Committee submitted its report on September 22, 2006. The major recommendations of the Committee for adoption by State Agricultural Universities/ICAR include statutory powers to ICAR for regulation of higher agricultural education; introduction of experiential learning and increased practical and practice contents in under graduate programmes, need-assessed training of faculty members for their competence improvements, and norms, standards and academic regulations for uniformity across the agricultural universities.

Export share of agro products

†1812.SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the decline in the share of agriculture products in total export from the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the share of agriculture products in total export at present and the details during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase share of agriculture in export?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) India's export of agricultural commodities and Country's total export for the last five years is as under:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Country's total Exports	Total Agricultural Exports	% share in Country's Exports
2001-02	209017.97	29729.61	14.22
2002-03	255137.28	34653.93	13.58
2003-04	293366.75	37266.52	12.70
2004-05	356068.88	39863.31	11.20
2005-06	454799.97	49802.92	10.95

It is evident fom the table that the total agricultural exports have gone up. Share of agri-exports in the Country's total export is decreasing owing to a relatively faster growth of other sectors including Industrial Sector.

(d) Steps have been taken to increase the competitiveness of Indian agriculture, so that our exports can increase and farmers can get remunerative prices. Towards this end, the Government has introduced a number of initiatives and interventions for enhancement of production and productivity of agricultural products, which *inter alia*, include Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission and Integrated Cereal Development Programmes. Schemes such as the Transport Assistance Scheme and Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana are implemented to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their exports as well as increased access to the international market. Measures taken for agricultural development through enhanced capital formation, *inter alia*, included agricultural diversification; agricuture marketing infrastructure; repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies; and micro irrigation, micro finance, micro insurance and rural credit.

Bifurcation of FSI

1813.SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the Fishery Survey of India (FSI);